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Subways in the City

* 1007 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state— 9-00 a.m.

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct pedestrians underground crossing points in the City of Madras;

(b) if so, the steps taken to construct them; and

(c) the places where such crossing points are to be constructed?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Proposals for the construction of an arcade with subways at Round Tana and for a subway near the Old Bosotto buildings in Mount Road are under consideration.

* 1008 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct a subway for the crossing of pedestrians at Mount Road (near Round Tana) and opposite to the Central Station; and

(b) if so, when the work will be taken up?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (a) Proposals for the construction of an arcade with subways at the Round Tana and for a subway near the old Bosotto buildings in Mount Road are under consideration. There is no proposal at present under consideration for constructing a subway opposite the Central Station.

(b) As soon as the works are sanctioned, they will be taken up for execution.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Sir, may I know the estimates for this work?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : The estimates have not yet come here.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that this question of constructing subways and an arcade was pending since 1956? May I know the cause of the delay, and when do the Government propose to construct them?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : In July 1956 itself, proposals had been submitted. It is not so easy to do the work as we say it. There are a lot of difficulties. The Ministers have inspected the place. The Engineers and the Police Officers have also inspected the place. They are considering what best they can do.